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SUBJECT: SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON - UN ACTIVITY

REF: (A) DAO TEL AVIV 271500Z JAN. (NOTAL) (B) DAO BEIRUT
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1. UN SOURCE HAS CONFIRMED TO US THAT UN OUT-STATION AT NAQUORA IS GUARDED BY 11-MAN PALESTINIAN FORCE AND THAT THESE PALESTINIANS LIVE IN TRAILER ON UN COMPOUND. (THIS IS UNIQUE SITUATION AND NOT THE CASE AT ANY OP'S.) ALSO PALESTINIANS ACCOMPANY UNMO'S ON TRAVEL OUT FROM NAQUORA AS FAR AS BENT J'BAIL AREA WHERE CHRISTIAN FORCES ARE IN CONTROL. THIS SITUATION HAS BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE 1976 AND IS WELL-KNOWN TO UNNY. ALTHOUGH UNSATISFACTORY FROM UNTSO STANDPOINT, IT IS CONSIDERED UNAVOIDABLE GIVEN THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. UN LOURCE NOTES IT IS SIMPLY NOT POSSIBLE FOR UNARMED UNMO'S TO RESIST ARMED PALESTINIANS (OR CHRISTIANS EITHER FOR THAT MATTER). UNTSO HAS TO PUT UP WITH IT AS ABVIOUSLY GOL IS UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

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2. AS TO THEFT OF UN EQUIPMENT, OUR SOURCE AGREES WITH DAO BEIRUT REPORT (REF B) THAT MAJORITY OF INCIDENTS INVOLVING LOSS OF EQUIPMENT OF ALL KINDS OVER PAST SEVEN MONTHS HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY CHRISTIAN FORCES ALTHOUGH LEFTISTS HAVE TAKEN MORE VEHICLES. HE PROVIDED FOLLOWING STATISTICS ON INCIDENTS:

	CHRISTIAN FORCES	LEFTISTS
JULY 1977	7	14
AUGUST	11	5
SEPTEMBER	19	3
OCTOBER	24	8
NOVEMBER	27	3
DECEMBER	11	10
JANUARY 1978	17	9
TOTAL	116	52

3. LEFTIST TOOK 33 VEHICLES DURING THAT PERIOD WHILE
CHRISTIANS TOOK 21. ACCORDING TO UN SOURCE, UNTSO ON
INSTRUCTION FROM UNNY, HAS RECENTLY REQUESTED ISRAELI
AND LEBANESE AUTHORITIES AS WELL AS PLO AND CHRISTIAN
OFFICERS TO ATTEMPT TO RESTRAIN CHRISTIAN AND LFTIST
FORCES FROM FURTHER THEFT OF UN PROPERTY.
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